Foreign travel scheme

2232. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Foreign travel sc ienie both currency and travellers cheques are made available to a traveller going abroad;

(b) whether it s also a fact that this creates confusion in the payment of Air fare and later ca icellatio$_n$ of Air Tickets; and

(c) if so, whet ier Government propose to amend the s> >tem and provide entire foreign exchange *n* currency?

THE MINISTI R OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT)F EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. K. GADHVI), (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not irise.

Eagle m «i»n to Sri Lanka

2233. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI K. GOPALAN;

Will the Minis er of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the reasons which led to Indian Govern nent to launch Air Force Eagle Mission o Sri Lanka;

(b) what is the total number of planes involved in the i ission, category-wise; and

(c) what was ' 'e total cost of the mission?

THE M1NIST ER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PROODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATH): (a) Keeping in view the urgent and compelling humanitarian needs of the penple of Jaffna peninsula, India decided to air drop essential sup-plies on Jun$_e$ 4. Earlier, a convey of boats sent by India carrying essential sup-Plies had been turned back by the Sri Lankan navy.

(b) and (c) Transport aircraft for supply, dropping and fighter aircraft to provide Ai$_r$ Defenc$_e$ cover were utilised in this Mission. The total cost of the Mission is still to be assessed.

Uranium smuggling from Jaduguda mines

2234. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be plea-sed to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has bee$_n$ drawn to various press reports about uranium theft an<j its smuggling out of India; if so, what are the details in this regard and the total value of uranium involved;

(b) what steps have been taken to stop smuggling of uranium from Jaduguda mines in Bihar wher$_e$ som$_e$ cases have been reported during the last three years giving details of thes$_e$ cases and tie outcome thereof; and

(c) wh'at action has been taken against the persons involved and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.' R. NARAYANAN); (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the various Press Reports about Uraniumi theft and its smuggling out of India Periodical samples of seixed material have been sent by the Investigating Agencies to this Department for analysis and OO tsting it has been found that none of the samples contained uranium.